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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please substitute the following paragraphs for the corresponding paragraphs being amended.

[Title and two paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 4]

**MEDIA STORAGE SELF SERVICE TERMINAL MEDIA LOADING AND  
STORAGE DEVICE****Background of the Invention**

The present invention relates to an apparatus for storage of media, for example, banknotes, ~~cheques~~ checks, envelopes, and the like. Further aspects of the invention relate to self service terminals (SSTs) incorporating such a media storage apparatus. Aspects of the invention also relate to a media loading device for use with an apparatus for storage of media.

Self service terminals (SSTs), such as automated teller machines (ATMs), are commonly used by customers to make deposits into bank accounts. These deposits may take the form of cash such as banknotes, or ~~cheques~~ checks, and may be deposited loose, or within an envelope or the like. Each of these forms of deposit will be termed 'media'. SSTs may also accept media deposits for other transactions; for example, to accept payment for goods or services.

[Paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1]

The media retaining means may comprise resilient flaps, fingers, or the like, extending into the interior of the container. The flaps are conveniently resilient enough to be deformed by the media transfer means or by a bundle of media passing therethrough, yet strong enough to resist media deforming the flaps when not being pushed. Alternatively, hinged panels or other one-way arrangements may be used. A further alternative retaining means is a ~~spring~~ spring plate or the like, which urges against stored media items to retain

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the items in the desired orientation, although such a retaining means does not provide one-way entry of media items into the container. A combination of types of retaining means may be used – for example, resilient fingers along the length of the container, together with a ~~sprung~~ spring plate at the rear of the container.